

family wonderful times in the years ahead. In the coming years, as he leads Tyler through the community, he will be able to point and to say, "Dad helped make that possible." I am certain that his son will be impressed, and perhaps another generation of public service will be born because of those moments. This is one of the chief ways in which American democracy sustains itself. From parent to child. From generation to generation. From local government to national. The accomplishments of all of us add up, and Eric Rodriguez's service is illustrative of this remarkable reality of democracy.

RECOGNIZING LAREDO MAYOR  
PEDRO IGNACIO SAENZ, JR.

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mayor Pedro Ignacio Saenz, Jr.

After serving the maximum two terms as mayor of my hometown of Laredo, Texas, Mayor Saenz will step down at the end of this year. I would like to congratulate him on his many accomplishments in office and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

A third generation Laredoan, Mayor Saenz is a pillar of our community. He raised his family in Laredo. He built a highly successful law practice there and specialized in oil and gas for 30 years. Mayor Saenz was president of both the South Texas Food Bank and the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation—and he served for 12 years on the board of Laredo College, including as Board President, where he was instrumental in establishing the South Campus.

As mayor, he was a tireless advocate for the City of Laredo. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Saenz shepherded the city through a public health emergency. He helped the city manage difficult cross-border politics and challenging water issues. He helped lay the groundwork for closer binational cooperation with Nuevo Laredo and for substantial new investments in infrastructure.

Being a mayor is a 24/7 job. After serving two full terms, Mayor Saenz has earned the right to step away and spend more time with his family, including his wife Minerva, his 3 children, and his 5 grandchildren. I congratulate him on his work over the past 8 years, and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter of his life holds.

LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT

**HON. PAUL TONKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Lymphedema Treatment Act, and to pay tribute to my constituents with lymphedema and their loved ones.

Nearly ten million Americans currently suffer from lymphedema, symptoms of which include intense discomfort, recurring infections, and difficulty moving. Lymphedema is characterized by swelling of the arms and legs often

caused by cancer or cancer treatments that result in the damage or blockage of the lymphatic system. There is no cure, but there are effective treatments. I want to take the time to recognize one of my constituents named Emma. Emma is 14 years old and was born with this incurable, progressive disease in her legs and feet. She first visited D.C. to advocate for this bill when she was 6 years old. Emma's advocacy has taught my team and me about lymphedema and the priorities for those living with this disease. She has shared about the painful complications and the need for the best treatment to be affordable.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the cost of compression treatment items. The Lymphedema Treatment Act would improve coverage for the treatment of lymphedema by extending coverage to include certain lymphedema compression treatment items. As a proud cosponsor and longtime supporter, I was excited to vote in support of H.R. 3630, the Lymphedema Treatment Act, when it came for a vote in the House of Representatives. I urge the Senate to move this critical legislation forward. We owe it to Emma and to all those suffering from lymphedema to get this bill signed into law. I also hope that private insurers will follow suit and do the right things with coverage for compression treatment items.

I thank Emma, her family and my many constituents who advocated for this and made a difference in pushing this forward.

HONORING D H BROWN'S FOR ITS  
DECADES OF SERVING ILLI-  
NOISANS FROM ALL CORNERS  
OF THE STATE

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize D H Brown's in Springfield, Illinois, for bringing Illinoisans together for decades.

An iconic downtown establishment located in former President Abraham Lincoln's hometown, D H Brown's caters to patrons from every walk of life. It is a staple in Central Illinois, and a gathering place for individuals to engage in thoughtful discussion on how to strengthen communities throughout the state. While the Illinois General Assembly is in session, it is not uncommon to see state legislators from both parties frequenting D H Brown's, talking directly with constituents and other Illinoisans alike. Owned by Alex Preston, it is a vital fixture that helps to embody the culture of Springfield. I'm confident that D H Brown's will continue to contribute to this deep political heritage for many years to come.

It is because of Illinois' quintessential establishments like D H Brown's that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally honor D H Brown's in Springfield for their decades of service to Illinoisans.

RICK MCLEOD APPRECIATED

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since 2008, Rick McLeod has served as the President and CEO of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) and after nearly 14 years of dedication to the nonprofit and the community, he has announced his retirement.

Rick has led the two-state of South Carolina and Georgia, five-county SRSCRO in facilitating economic development and serving as a unified voice for the region throughout his time there. He has played an integral role in advancing the organization's mission to craft and implement an extensive strategy that will promote the common economic interests of the community by furthering growth in the service area and stabilizing the financial state of the Savannah River Site.

Having received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering and a Master's in Environmental System Engineering from Clemson University, Rick exemplifies tremendous skill in technical training as well as extensive professional experience from his over 25 years in business development, fundraising, and project management in both the private and public sectors.

Aside from his work with SRSCRO, Rick has taken an active role in a national non-profit conservation organization, where he has first-hand experience with foundation and corporate donations, and federal grants and appropriations.

South Carolina is grateful for Rick's work in ensuring that the people of the state have opportunities to develop skills needed to obtain jobs in the area, thus connecting and strengthening the relationship between regional employers and educational institutions, ultimately increasing economic development.

I congratulate Rick on his retirement with best wishes for continued success.

AMERICA'S 21ST CENTURY TROJAN  
HORSE—THOMAS DRESSER

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD an op-ed written by Dr. Thomas Dresser of Columbia, Missouri.

A Trojan horse for the United States of America in the 21st century is the container ship from China. The millions of containers bring high quality and lower priced goods to our country. The hidden cost is the loss of our ability to provide for ourselves. We cannot live without the contents of those containers, and we are becoming less able to produce them for ourselves. Items essential for the existence of our nation are made in China. This is a strategic mistake for the USA.

The original Trojan horse occurred when the Greek army was trying to defeat the city of Troy. After the years-long siege did not work, the Greeks pretended to leave but left

the gift of a large wooden horse. The citizens took this into the city, and during the night the hidden soldiers climbed out of the horse, opened the city gates, and let in the Greek army. Troy was defeated.

Give credit to China for using our strength to defeat us. Our strength is capitalism in a free market, which is using the principle of producing something for less and making a profit. The producer with the most products will take over the market. When the market is controlled by one entity, there is no competition. When there is no competition, you win. China makes products for less, and they are not worried about the profit. The profit will come later. It is noteworthy that they have used the principles of one of America's greatest entrepreneurs to overcome us. Sam Walton founded Walmart in 1962 and created a retailing empire. The company slogan is "we sell for less". This is true. China's model is "we produce for less". This is a perfect match. Walmart is one of the largest retailers in the world. Check their shelves and see how many products are made in China. For that matter check the hardware store, the department store, and the general marketplace for products. Made in China dominates. Then there is the largest corporation in the USA, Apple. How important is China to the manufacture of their products? It's important. So, what if next Monday China says, "we are not shipping anything to the USA until further notice!". How would that affect Walmart, Apple, and the rest of us? Unless we have a remedy for that, we are on the road to serfdom.

In 1990, the gross domestic product of the USA was \$5.9T and for China it was \$361B. In 2021, the GDP for USA was \$23T and for China it was \$17.7T. In just 31 years China has gone from 6% to 77% of the GDP of the USA. If there is no change in this model, then in a very short time China will be the dominant economic power in the world. And the principles of manufacturing greatly favor China. They don't have to worry about minimum wage, labor unions, and environmental standards. There is no way that the USA can compete in the marketplace with these different standards.

The ancient General Sun-tsu would be proud of his descendants who took an opponent's strength (manufactured goods) and turned that strength into a weakness. When China's dominance in manufacturing grows to a critical level, then total submission of our country can be affected without the need of a single military action. This is every general's dream.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 500.

#### HONORING THE SHRINER INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Shriners International. Their continued commitment to their

fraternity members and for those they provide services for is immeasurable, and Ahmed Shriners has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Shriners International fraternity was founded 150 years ago with the goal of providing the tools and sense of fellowship to men of good character across the country. With the establishment of the Shriners Children's health care system in 1922, Shriners International has continually supported our most vulnerable communities. Extending across our Nation's borders and into both Canada and Mexico, Shriners International has become a staunch supporter of healthcare facilities across North America by offering specialty services and care to children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. Shriners International has had the privilege to help countless individuals while expecting nothing in return. This fraternity has had a direct impact on the communities they serve, making it appropriate to acknowledge their continued effort to the communities in the Upper Peninsula. The work and passion of Ahmed Shriners, Potentate Sir. Travis Freeman, as well as all who contribute to make Shriners International the communal asset it is today deserve our praise.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Shriners International in their effort to continually provide service to children and their families. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish all fraternity members and staff of Ahmed Shriners and Shriners International the best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District commends their continued support of the Upper Peninsula and thanks them for their work in ensuring a healthy community both socially and medically.

#### KIRKMAN FINLAY III APPRECIATION

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Representative Kirkman Finlay III, has been successful promoting governmental reforms during his time in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Among these were numerous ethics and election law reform proposals. Representative Finlay was the author of an Act relating to the contents of the statement of economic interest so as to require disclosure of specified income (Act 283 of 2015–2016).

In addition, he began the process regarding several property tax reforms as related to families and the disabled. He was a watchdog on local government abuses, expanding pharmaceutical vaccine availability, animal control and care, coastal tidelands protections, and restrictions regarding lobbyists and former public officials. He was also the author of the "Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act."

Also on his agenda was electric utility reform—Representative Finlay sponsored a bill relating to baseload review orders and project development orders issued for certain utility facility construction projects in the aftermath of the SCANA nuclear plant debacle.

Representative Kirkman Finlay III, will always be appreciated for his dedicated service to the citizens of South Carolina.

#### RECOGNIZING THE USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 5, 2022*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in Glendale, California.

Originally founded in 1947 as the Behrens Memorial Hospital, the hospital moved in 1972 to a new hilltop location and was renamed Verdugo Hills Hospital. Initially established as a 158-bed acute care hospital serving Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, and the surrounding foothills area, it has grown over the last five decades and significantly expanded its healthcare options and services.

In 2013, the Verdugo Hills Hospital began a partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) and officially became the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in concert with Keck Medicine of USC. Since this acquisition, increased investment from the community and university have transformed the community-based hospital into a cutting-edge, academic medical institution. Some of the hospital's most essential services include a 24-hour emergency room, bariatric and minimally invasive surgery, a primary stroke center, and orthopedic surgery services. Recently, multi-million-dollar expansions have also funded the opening of a new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and an Interventional Radiology/Cardiac Catheterization Lab, as well as the expansion of clinical services in Labor and Delivery and Urology. In partnership with USC, the hospital also hosts community events such as Caregiver's Night Off and "Doc Talks" to assist both patients and their families.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's innovative services and expansive network has earned the hospital numerous awards, including the Board of Certification in Emergency Nursing's Honorary Certification Recognition, and its emergency department nurses received their second Lantern Award for their outstanding and innovative emergency room performance. The hospital has long been known for the friendliness, warmth and kindness of its staff and small-town hospital feel, beginning with a cheerful greeting at the hospital's front door by a caring volunteer. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's volunteer program includes many long-time volunteers, including prospective medical students, and offers the opportunity to learn more about the medical field and provides a chance to give back to the community.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's staff, physicians, and nurses worked tirelessly to care for their patients, serving as a leader in the community in the fight against the virus. The hospital's inpatient beds and Intensive Care Unit beds were crucial in providing high quality care to those most adversely affected by the virus.

I am proud to represent USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and commend their ongoing commitment to providing outstanding service to their patients and community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring USC Verdugo Hills Hospital upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.